



Shining a Light on Broadmead

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Broadmead continues to work on staffing shortages

By Jackie Mintz

As most residents are aware, there is a shortage of staff at Broadmead. This has tangibly impacted some areas of service and threatened to lead to staff burnout. But after a couple of months of intensified efforts to increase recruitment and retention, the outlook for the near future looks promising.

According to Yolanda Johnson, VP for Human Resources, the number of vacancies has nearly doubled since the onset of the pandemic. As of mid-May, there were 58 vacancies, compared with 31 vacancies in 2021. Many of these vacancies are in Nursing, where an additional 22 positions have been created to staff the three new neighborhoods in the skilled nursing areas.

Residents in independent living have been most affected by shortages in Housekeeping, where four positions are vacant, and most dramatically in Dining Services, where there were 17 vacancies. Because of short staffing, reservations have been required in Holly Terrace, with seating first limited to 60 residents and recently raised to 75.

In Dining Services, the impact has been greatest among servers and utility workers (dishwashers). More than half of those positions were unfilled as of early May. As of mid-May, 10 new employees had been hired, but they were unable to start for another two weeks. According to Dan Hall, Executive Director of Dining Services, the situation is expected to improve

when the school year ends.

Staffing challenges are not limited to Broadmead. As noted in print and online headlines and on TV, staffing shortages are a national problem, arising out of the pandemic and leading to the “Great Resignation.” In Dining Services, where many of the servers are high school students, the reasons for the difficulty in recruiting them include parental concerns about the pandemic and related changes to the parents’ schedules, which affect transportation options for servers.

To deal with the situation, Broadmead, like other employers, has stepped up its recruitment efforts. It offers both sign-on and stay-on bonuses, as well as an employee referral bonus. The administration has increased its advertising on social media and hosts an on-site job fair every other week. In addition, a second full-time recruiter is being hired.

Retention efforts have also been expanded. Engagement surveys are given both to new and current employees to assess job satisfaction. Another retention measure is a career ladder program for the development of future administrators. Five non-management employees are currently enrolled in the program. In addition, the Boynton Scholarship program is available to employees who enroll in workforce development, college degree, or GED programs. For employees who may be

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Banner photo of Virginia fringe tree by Nancy-Bets Hay

Staffing shortages *(continued)*

interested in developing skills for other career opportunities, career counseling services are available.

In addition, free one-on-one and group mental health services are available through the H.O.P.E. Program (Healing and Overcoming for Peace and Equity). Group sessions are offered monthly on topics such as addressing anxiety and managing stress.

BRA Annual Meeting held June 6

By Kathleen Truelove

BRA President Jack Griffith opened the Annual Meeting by expressing the hope that it would be the last such meeting on Zoom, because the auditorium is expected to open soon. He then thanked the leaders of various BRA activities and turned the meeting over to Robin Somers, Broadmead CEO. She shared a video celebrating the reopening of spaces in the Broadmead Center and thanked Tricia Wiggins, Executive Assistant, for preparing the video. Jackie Mintz, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Trustees, made remarks on behalf of Rob White, Board Clerk, who was unable to attend. Jackie recognized the residents who were flooded out of their apartments in the York Building in January and who are still not back in their homes. She reported that the Board of Trustees is seeking more interaction with residents.

Outgoing BRA Treasurer Brigid Goody noted that this spring's Employee Appreciation Fund raised \$110,000 from 336 residents, which will be disbursed to 217 non-exempt employees.

BRA Finance Committee Chair Vernon Wright said that BRA investments are down by \$50,000 this year, but are still higher than in 2020. The BRA budget had a \$64,000 deficit, which was reduced to \$22,000. It was decided that activities that have no leaders will not be funded for FY 2023. A group will look at long-term funding to avoid future deficit budgets. In FY 2024 two Barn Sales are planned, but even so, requests for funding exceed expected income from these events.

Since a quorum was present, a vote was taken on the slate of officers presented by Dave Harley, chair of the Nominating Committee.

Elected to BRA leadership for July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023 are:

President – Jack Griffith

1st Vice President – Kathy Shelton

2nd Vice President – Marsha Howes

Secretary – Karen Meadow

Associate Secretary – Leslie Glickman

Treasurer – Bill Hardy

Associate Treasurer – Eric van den Beemt

Activities Coordinator – Betty Legenhausen

Cluster Coordinator – Ralph Cook

Representatives to the Board of Trustees –
Bob Fetter, Denise Love

Nominating Committee: Presidential
appointees: Dave Harley, Chair, John Mays.

Elected: Lin Hardy, Sharon Swackhamer,
Willy Sydnor

Jack Griffith concluded the meeting with remarks that included the BRA's thanks to Brigid Goody for her tireless work as BRA treasurer and to Ann Heaton for her years of service, and especially for sharing her knowledge and understanding of Quaker customs and outlook.

Health Care Lecture

Dementia

Esther Oh, M.D.

Associate Professor, Division of
Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology
Associate Director, Johns Hopkins
Memory and Alzheimer's
Treatment Center

Monday, June 27

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Via Zoom, link on Caremerge

BRA contributes to Broadmead art and tree inventory

By Jack Griffith; photos by Kathleen Truelove

On April 25, the BRA presented two checks to Robin Somers, Broadmead CEO. The first, in the amount of \$5,000, was a gift from the residents to the Broadmead Arts Council. Recently formed, the council will acquire art for a permanent “Broadmead Collection” of art to display to residents, staff, and the public. The council will also present curated art exhibits, such as the recent “Broadmead Collects” show and the current display by Herman Maril, Baltimore native and American modernist (1908–1986). Arts Council members include residents and representatives of the administration. Jackie Mintz and Ross Jones are the co-chairs. The check was presented by BRA First Vice President Kathryn Shelton.



Jackie Mintz, Ross Jones, Kathryn Shelton, and Robin Somers

The second check was for \$10,000 and represents the first distribution of funds which have been identified as available for use by the BRA representing the residents. These available funds were identified by two BRA ad hoc committees: the first specifying the amount of money that is available over a period of time, and the second committee to seek out appropriate uses of the funds. That check was presented by Second Vice President Marsha Howes and resident Stan Wilson for the purpose of conducting an inventory and assessment of the Broadmead trees approximately within the bounds of Copper Beech Lane to identify issues that need to be addressed (pruning, removal, disease, nutrition, etc.). That joint Broadmead and BRA effort



Vernon Wright, Ann Heaton, Marsha Howes, Robin Somers, and Stan Wilson

will be the culmination of a study conducted by Stan Wilson, which made a strong case for better care of the trees that are so valuable to our campus.

These two events epitomize the synergistic spirit of the Broadmead Administration as led by Robin Somers, Broadmead residents, and the BRA. Quoting from a recent letter I received from Robin, “I am grateful for the collaborative and supportive relationship with you and the BRA. We share the same values and vision for this wonderful community of residents and employees, who give so much of their time and talents.”

Hallowell & Taylor

**“The Longest Day”
Tuesday, June 21**

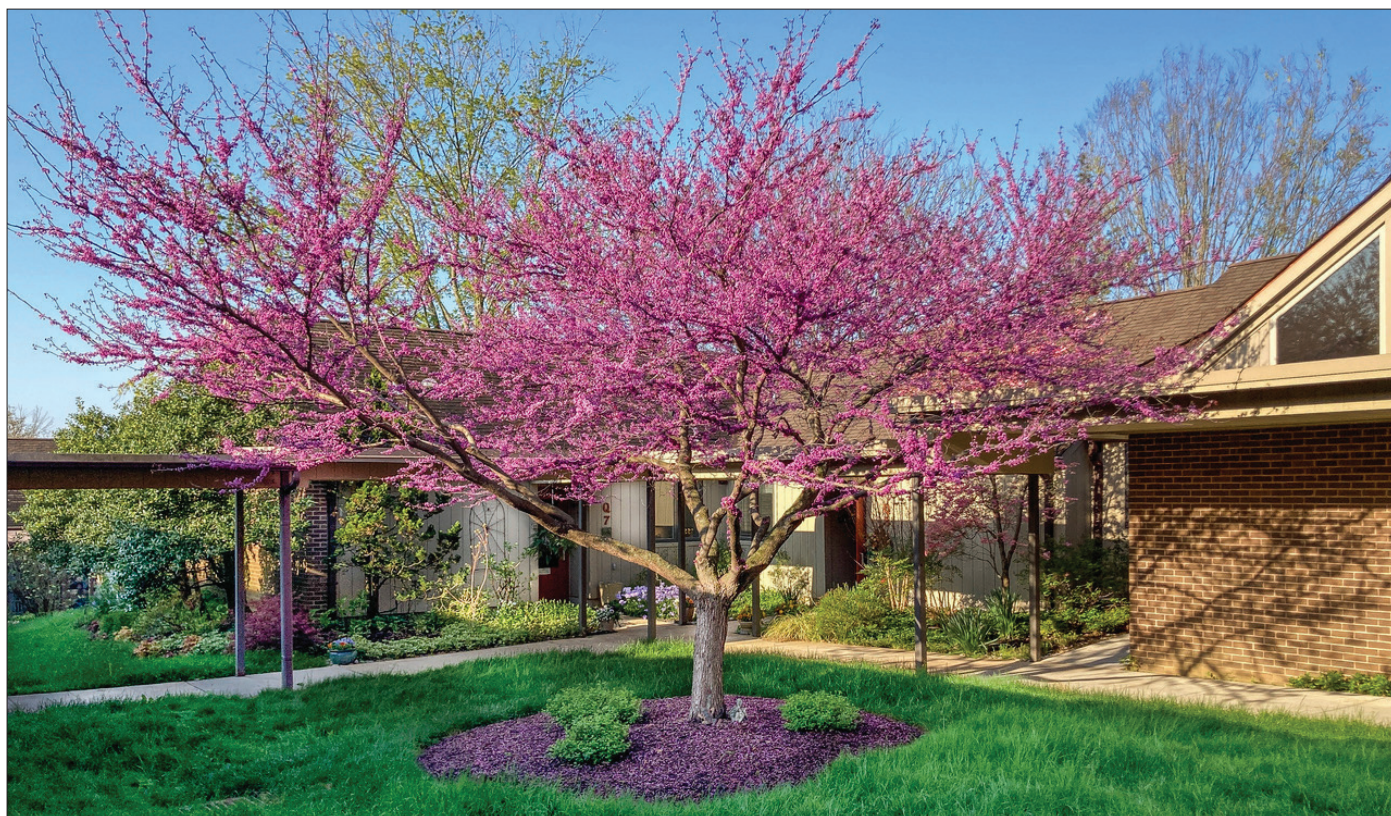
Daylong event supporting education
and awareness of Alzheimer’s
disease and other dementias

Various events, 7 a.m.– 7 p.m.

Flyers around the community will
provide more details

Broadmead tree survey is coming

By Pat van den Beemt, photo by Kathleen Truelove



Redbud in Cluster Q

Beginning on July 12, Broadmead residents will see people wandering around the campus, inspecting and measuring trees. Bartlett Tree Experts has been hired to conduct an inventory and assessment of the health of the trees, excluding those on the ridge and along Western Run.

The tree initiative was begun by resident Stan Wilson and has a connection with the world's southernmost continent. "I was in Antarctica for a year and I saw no green at all. I came here to Broadmead because of all the green in general, and trees in particular," Stan said. "But a lot of our trees aren't in good shape. Somebody planted these trees 40 years ago, and we have an obligation to leave them alive and well for the next people."

The BRA has allocated \$10,000 to Broadmead for the tree project. Bartlett will inspect up to 500 trees and will map the location of each tree with a diameter greater than 2 inches at a height of 4½ feet above ground. They will make a recommendation for

each tree—whether it's pruning or fertilizing, treating for disease, or removal. The work will take about three weeks at a cost of \$8,512. Additional trees may be added at a cost of \$17 per tree.

Broadmead staff will not be involved with the inventory, but Stan will accompany the Bartlett personnel during their time on campus. He said he will also draw on the expertise of the BRA ad hoc tree committee of Lucy Wright, Marsha Howes, and Kathryn Shelton.

Once the results are in, the next step is to add an item to Broadmead's capital budget to pay for the actual tree work. The work is expected to occur over a period of several years.

First Monday Book Group

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Fireside Room

July 4: No Meeting

Aug 2: *The Lincoln Highway*, Amor Towles

Darlington's weekly huddles

By Willy Sydnor

Darlington is one of six neighborhoods at Broadmead providing assisted and higher levels of care. Currently, Darlington is the only neighborhood using the staff "huddle" as a way to achieve the goal of residents and staff members fully celebrating all that's good in their neighborhood and working on what's not.

Once a week, available staff from dining and environmental services, nursing, leadership, and lifestyle gather in Darlington's shared area to discuss issues they feel are important. Pressing items are dealt with right away, but these weekly meetings give everyone a chance to get together, laugh, talk, and share concerns. Guests from other departments often attend the huddles, such as Lorraine Bazzell, who is the Salon & Spa Manager. Lorraine showed those in the huddle how they could help Hollowell residents look their best between salon appointments. The other neighborhoods will also incorporate the huddle approach.

Broadmead has chosen to use the term "neighborhood" to represent a smaller space within a licensed level of living such as assisted living or skilled nursing. Ann Patterson, Vice President of Health Services, said, "We are trying to use language that doesn't sound institutional." An example is replacing the word "facility" or "unit" with the word "home." Language is important, she added, and where people live should be a reflection of community and togetherness.

There are two assisted living neighborhoods—Taylor and Darlington—and three that provide higher levels of care—Tubman, Hollowell, and Greenleaf. A sixth neighborhood, Douglass, will be dedicated to short-term rehabilitation. All the neighborhoods will offer a community approach to living—smaller groups of people, dedicated employees, their own dining venues and family rooms, a refreshment station, and a congregate patio.

BROADMEAD MOVIES

**Saturdays, 7 p.m.
Fireside Room
Sign-up required**

June 18: Just Mercy

Harvard law graduate Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama, where he defends a man sentenced to die. With Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx.

2009 Drama PG-13
2 hr 17 min



June 25: Certain Women

Three short stories about women in Montana. With Laura Dern, Michelle Williams, Lily Gladstone, Kristen Stewart.

2016 Drama R 1 hr 47 min

July 2: The Dead

Based on the James Joyce short story. An Irish Christmas party, after which a husband learns something about his wife. With Anjelica Huston and a mostly Irish cast.

1987 PG 1 hr 23 min



The sign-up sheet will be posted on the Monday morning before the movie, on the bulletin board behind the upstairs reception desk. If the auditorium opens in June, a new schedule will be announced.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Without Fanfare, the Broadmead cornerstone is laid

(June 1980)

Without fanfare, on April 21, the Board of Trustees of Broadmead gathered at the Reception Desk entrance to the Center Building for the laying of the cornerstone. Just outside the entrance, the cornerstone was placed.

Future generations and researchers will find, sealed in a metal container, the usual documents and mementoes always, or usually, contained in cornerstones. In the Broadmead cornerstone will be found, among other items, the minutes from the Friends Lifetime Care Center, the contract for the sale of the present property to Broadmead, history of the Taylor Home and pictures of the home at its two locations, list of the



Photo by Kathleen Truelove and Bylaws of Broadmead, and many pictures of the Taylor Home, and the present Broadmead. Imprinted on the cornerstone is "1979." Most of these items are rendered in microfilm, but copies of the *Voice of the Residents* are actual, full-print copies. Catharine Motz is the chairman of the Broadmead Trustees.

George Pattee moves to business and technology post

Text by Jackie Mintz, photo by Kathleen Truelove



George Pattee

Long the friendly face of the Master Plan, George Pattee has moved to the newly created job of business analyst. Although he says he misses the opportunities he had for contact with residents and staff in his previous position, this new assignment will allow him to develop his

longstanding interests in information technology and business systems.

As a business analyst, George's job is to continuously evaluate business processes and adapt new technologies to ensure operational efficiency. More concretely, George is responsible for all capital projects involving IT upgrades and improvements, such as upgrading system software and replacing all the desktop computers on campus. He is also responsible for ongoing relationships with Broadmead's IT service providers for internet, telephone, and other services. He is in charge as well of relationships with Prelude, Broadmead's IT service provider.

George's first major task in this job has been to oversee the upgrade and conversion of Broadmead's enterprise software, which is the technological foundation for the systems that keep Broadmead running, including its electronic medical records and accounting, work order, and human resource systems. The existing software is an all-purpose product, which works satisfactorily for a variety of systems but not so well for each individual system. The new system is a collection of separate, specialized software applications, each engineered for a different task. Since these individual systems do not communicate with each other, they must be linked by what is known as "integrative technology," which

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enables the different programs to work with each other and to reduce duplication. For example, when new residents arrive, their names and other information are entered into Broadmead's medical records. The integrative software pushes this data into the other systems. Without it, the same data would have to be entered separately into each system.

In another project, George is assisting the HR team with its new information systems software, working with Prelude Services to upgrade all employee computer devices and the network hardware. He also continues to be heavily involved in the audiovisual and low voltage upgrades scheduled for the Master Plan projects.

Bus trip to Riversdale House

By Gwen Marable

The Multicultural Committee is sponsoring a trip to Riversdale House Museum, located in Prince George County on June 17. Riversdale is a restored, five-part, stucco-covered brick plantation home built between 1801 and 1807. Construction of the house was begun by Henri Stier, an aristocrat from Antwerp, and was completed by his daughter Rosalie and her husband George Calvert, grandson of the 5th



Lord Baltimore. Riversdale had slaves working in the house, caring for the owners and tending the crops and

animals. Artifacts from that era are featured.

Residents will be given a tour of the house and a cooking demonstration using the basement fireplace. Handicap access to the basement is a chair lift. There is no lift to the second floor.

A commercial bus will leave Broadmead at 10:30 a.m. and depart from Riversdale at 2 p.m. The trip will take an hour and a half, depending on traffic. A box lunch will be provided by Broadmead. There is no charge to residents, but sign-up on Caremerge is required.

Open Forum resumes

By Stanton Collins



Tom Hall, photo from Baltimore Magazine

Tom Hall will speak at Broadmead on June 16 at 3 p.m., in the auditorium. His subject will again be "Vying, Vetting, and Voting." The last time Hall was at Broadmead, he talked about the 2020 presidential election. This time he will focus on Maryland, addressing

the redistricting controversy and the races for governor, comptroller, and attorney general.

Tom Hall is the host of Midday on WYPR radio, and he has interviewed almost all of the candidates. He originally joined the WYPR staff as the host of *Choral Arts Classics* in 2003. He became the host of Midday in September 2016. In 2020, the Midday team won an Edward R. Murrow Regional Award.

Kevin Lindamood, President and CEO of Healthcare for the Homeless in Baltimore, will speak on June 24, at 7 p.m. Lindamood is a nationally recognized authority on homelessness and poverty. Under his leadership, Healthcare for the Homeless has become the foremost



Kevin Lindamood, photo from bhsbaltimore.org

provider of health care and other services to the most needy people in the Baltimore area. He is an advocate for change in public policy to address the scandal of homelessness in our affluent society.

Open Forum programs are topical and occasionally controversial, not necessarily educational, but informative and intriguing.

Birds of Broadmead

House sparrow

Text by Debbie Terry, photo by Bill Hubick

If you see a bird hopping around in your yard, it is probably a house sparrow. Why is this bird the least favorite of so many bird watchers?



House sparrows are not native to North America. They were introduced in the 1850s to keep Old World insect pests in check, especially the cankerworm. This is one of the earliest well-documented examples of “ecological tinkering” that has produced long-term negative results.

Today, house sparrows are regularly seen around humans, hopping along patios, streets, fast food restaurants, and sidewalks. They nest in tree cavities, holes in buildings, gutters, raised letters on store fronts, and birdhouses.

When looking for nesting cavities, house sparrows are very aggressive and are known to destroy bluebird eggs, nestlings, and adults. This is one reason the Eastern bluebird population plummeted in the United States until bluebird boxes were erected and monitored. The population of purple swifts also has declined as the non-migrating, aggressive house sparrows occupy the swift’s nesting boxes before the swifts arrive from South America.

As long as nesting cavities and grain are available, house sparrows are here to stay.

However there are some passive methods people can use to control them. Do not purchase birdseed that contains small seeds like millet, cracked corn, and milo. And don’t throw breadcrumbs outside. If house sparrows are nesting in a crevice or cavity in your house, close it. If they are seen stuffing a birdhouse or crevice with coarse, dried vegetation, string, or paper, remove the nest. If many of your yard birds are house sparrows, don’t put up a birdhouse.

Tech Tip

By Don Killgallon

Is the print too small to read in an email or on a website on your screen? You can enlarge it. For Apple products, press the “command” key and the + key simultaneously; for PCs, press “control” and the + key. To shrink the size, instead of pressing the + key, press the – (minus) – key.



Moving Around Broadmead

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
Ann Berman	A-7	T-321
John David Morris	B-15	HH-216

New Arrivals

Nancy Hume and Jim Merlihan
May 19, N-3
443-578-8220

Lorinda McColgan
June 15, G-5
443-578-8394

Old and New Shop reopens

By Pat van den Beemt, photos by Erroll Hay

The Old and New Shop officially opened at 12:30 p.m. on May 9 and had its first sale at 12:31. Karen Willig bought two necklaces that she had had her eye on since she stopped by to see the store as it geared up for opening day. By 12:35, there was a line waiting to reach the cash register. People bought everything from a frying pan, wooden trivets, and crystal cordial glasses, to greeting cards, a new cotton nightgown, and a coffee table book on Ireland. The shop took in \$700 that afternoon. Broadmead residents appeared happy finally to have a way to shop for unique items in a brand new location.



Peggy Tapley rings up Karen Willig's purchase while Vernon Wright observes.

"It's been two years and two months since Covid closed the shop," said BRA President Jack Griffith. "But the silver lining is that it's now in a beautiful location. Before, it was almost out of sight." Shop manager Lolly Farrington and Broadmead CEO Robin Somers cut the ribbon, welcoming shoppers.

Items in the new shop will be replaced on a regular basis, so shoppers will want to check it out frequently. Merchandise comes from the best of the Barn Sale inventory and from items donated by residents.

Lolly is retiring after running the shop for several years, and Connie McCulloch will become the manager on June 30. Connie has spent most of her career in retail, including



Broadmead CEO Robin Somers and retiring shop manager Lolly Farrington share the ribbon cutting.

20 years as manager at the White House Historical Association gift shop. After Connie moved to Broadmead last May, she got involved with the Mini Barn Sale during Tent Week and helped with the design and setup of the new Old and New Shop. "Opening day was really exciting," she said. "It's been a lot of work, but it's been really fun, too."

Lolly said the original shop was called The Country Store, but she and other volunteers held a contest several years ago to come up with a new name. There were 50 suggestions, and Old and New was the winner.



Vernon Wright, Peggy Tapley, and incoming shop manager Connie McCulloch.

The Old and New Shop, located on the lower level of the Community Center, is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday. It is closed on Sunday and holidays.

• BRIEFLY NOTED •

Maryland candidate forum returns in June

By Denise Love, photo by Kathleen Truelove



Joanne Goldsmith speaks to an attentive group

The Broadmead MaCCRA chapter will sponsor the fourth Pre-Primary Candidate Forum on Thursday, June 30, at 7 p.m. Local candidates for the offices of county executive, county council, state senate, and state delegate have been invited. Candidates will have three minutes each to talk about themselves and then mingle with residents at the reception that follows.

Last month, incoming chapter president Joanne Goldsmith welcomed residents to a meet and greet event for incoming officers. In addition to Joanne, they are Sue Appling, secretary; Barbara Scheinin, treasurer; and Denise Love, membership chair.

Upcoming Maril art lectures

Text and photos by Jackie Mintz

The inaugural lecture of the Herman Maril exhibit took place last month in the Bistro and was followed by a reception in South Hall. The next lecture in the series will be by David Maril, the son of Herman Maril, whose talk, "A



"Questionable Presentation," will be given on Monday, June 13, at 2 p.m.

Two more lectures will round out the series. A talk by Bobby Donovan, an artist and the curator of the exhibit, is titled "Intention is Everything" and will be presented on Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. Finally, Nadja Maril Crilly, a journalist and the daughter of Herman Maril, will speak on October 13, at 2 p.m. Her talk is titled "Where Does a Writer Find Inspiration?"



• BRIEFLY NOTED •

Trail Day

Text and photos by Ann Hunter

The morning of May 12, the 29th annual Trail Day, dawned clear and warm. The monsoon-like rains had passed and the ground had had a chance to dry. About a hundred residents turned out to walk Broadmead's beautiful trails. Walkers could take a map and strike out on their own or join a small group led by a plant expert to learn about native plants, invasive species, and trees growing along the trails.

Trudy Pojman, a longtime hiker, says that since moving from New York to Maryland and Broadmead, she has been "intentionally seeking to learn more about and identify flora along trails. Hiking some of the upper trails with Marsha [Howes] was hugely instructive as well as enjoyable."

Some of the participants chose to walk Pawpaw Lane and the Western Run trails, which are not as well known as the upper trails. Pawpaw Lane is paved and level, making it very accessible.

Trail Day is a way to introduce residents to the enjoyment of exercising while communing



Trudy Pojman, Marsha Howes, Gretchen Garman, and Steven Scheinin

with nature. "Just getting people out and exposed to the trails is a success," said Roger Karsk, "especially when it does not rain."

In Memoriam

Elinore Lent

March 29, 1928 – May 03, 2022

Gerald "Jerry" Glowacki

November 14, 1936 – May 6, 2022

Broadmead Chorus *New Singers Invited*

Sopranos, altos, tenors, basses

Tuesday rehearsals, 3:15–4:45 p.m.
Contact Wendy McIver, 443-578-8269

Greater Barn Sale

Summer Sale

June 16 and 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Barn Sale Room

Clothing, jewelry, items for travel
and summer entertainment, and
furniture

All staff and residents welcome
Credit cards accepted

Ozzie the hunter

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

Ozzie van den Beemt is the fourth yellow Labrador retriever in her family. Otto, OJ (Otto Jr), and Ollie, her predecessors, were also female dogs despite their names. Ozzie was born in a barn in Amish country and came to Monkton with Eric van den Beemt, who went to Pennsylvania to buy plants and came home with a puppy as well. To this day, according to Pat van den Beemt, Ozzie is devoted to Eric and is his shadow.



Diane Newman, Mary Sturm, and Judy Lorenz shop for bargains.

Another successful Mini Barn Sale held

Text and photo by Pat van den Beemt

The two-day Mini Barn Sale last month featured items for the house and garden. Popular outdoor items included garden sculptures, gardening tools, and wind chimes. Residents and staff also bought wine glasses, china, and placemats to brighten up their homes.

A Barn Sale with a theme is the newest way organizers are pumping up enthusiasm and enticing new shoppers to stop by. "The whole mission of the Barn Sale is community engagement," said Lucy Wright, who co-chairs the Greater Barn Sale team with Stan Wilson. "It's fun being here because you see so many people come through the doors."

On June 16 and 17 there will be another Mini Barn Sale. Judy Lorenz, manager of the "This and That" department of the Barn Sale, said the theme of this event will be "Summertime." The items being sold will include clothing, jewelry, and furniture, as well as things for summer entertaining. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on each of the two days.



As a 5-month-old, Ozzie consumed three bars of rat poison, but thanks to blood transfusions, she survived. Asked what Ollie's favorite food is, Pat replied, "Anything at all." She misses the freedom of her former home, where she ran deer and fox off her five acres and once killed a groundhog. Although there was an Invisible Fence, she was occasionally known to escape to the nearby NCR trail, where rangers would call Pat and Eric to come retrieve their retriever. As a 12-year-old, Ozzie is happy to take long morning walks with Eric on the Broadmead trails.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

What are those houses across York Road?

By Willy Sydnor

The four houses across York Road from Broadmead are old, and Broadmead owns all of them. One, known as the Tollgate Keeper's House, dates back to around 1790. At one time they were used as housing for employees, but water and mold issues necessitated moving people out. After those problems were dealt with, the houses were used for storage for a while, but they are mostly empty now.



Former toll house on York Road

They were purchased primarily to keep other developers from buying them and in case any easement was needed in the installation of the traffic signal. All are covered by the Maryland Historical Trust and are not for sale. Their historical designation does not allow any of the homes to be demolished. Eventually, each house will be designated under a separate LLC.

For now, the buildings are being kept up by Broadmead, including smoke detectors, and are regularly checked by the maintenance staff.

Some level of restoration for the toll house is under consideration, as CEO Robin Somers reported at the May Fireside Chat. A Historic Preservation Committee of Broadmead trustees, residents, and staff is being assembled to assess what needs to

and can realistically be done to these historic buildings and what their future purposes may be. The committee includes residents Carolyn Adams, Marjorie Bedinger, and Wendy McIver, who have an interest and expertise in Baltimore County historic preservation.

In addition to the establishment of this committee, a professional historical property preservationist and architect has conducted a walk-through of the Toll House to get an idea of what needs to be done first to secure these properties.

The committee plans to meet the first week in June. More information will be forthcoming as well as a history of the buildings, which were dwellings for the distillery and grist mill workers in addition to serving as the toll taker along this stretch of York Road.

InSight

“InSight on Vision”

Treatments for low vision

A 15-minute video

Judith Goldstein, O.D.

Chief of Low Vision and Vision
Rehabilitation

Johns Hopkins Medicine

A discussion will follow

Tuesday, June 28, 3:30 p.m.

Fireside Room

2022 Boynton Scholarship Fund Awardees

By Anne Fogg, photos from Broadmead Inc.

The Boynton Scholarship Fund, which supports the post-secondary education and training of Broadmead staff, was established by John and Mildred Boynton in 2001 and is sustained each year by the generous contributions of current residents.

This fall's recipients are:

Hadja Boimah, who works with Friends Connect, is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in psychology at Towson University. Her goal is to work as a clinical psychologist.



Hadja Boimah

Glory Iheukwumere, a member of the nursing staff at Broadmead, is working toward an associate of arts degree to earn a certificate as a registered geriatric nurse. She attends Baltimore City Community College.



Glory Iheukwumere

Esther Stuart is on the nursing staff at Broadmead. She is working on an associate of arts and sciences degree at Pratt Community College, with the ultimate goal of earning a bachelor of science degree in nursing.



Esther Stuart



Sharon Karsk leads the flower arrangers, who are back in business in their new space.



Dan Hall, Director of Dining and Hospitality, and Sous Chef Leroy Richardson show off the centerpiece of a marketing picnic held May 26, the first such event in nearly 3 years.



On the Dogwood Trail, the summer house has a new roof.



Cunard Line

117 days at sea—on dry land

By Alice Cherbonnier

On January 17, Sumner Clarren and I were flooded out of our apartment in the York Building. For the first six weeks of our exile, we soldiered on in our usual existentialist fashion, trying not to think about what we'd lost as we adapted to our changed circumstances. No firm return date was yet in sight.

Then, on March 3, a fateful piece of mail arrived: a Cunard booklet about their upcoming world cruises. Just for fun, we decided to create our own virtual world cruise in our lavish (cottage) suite to mark our time away from home. Using Cunard's 117-day 2023 world cruise as a template, we sketched out a map with their planned ports of call, adding extra places we'd been wanting to visit and eliminating others.

Every day we've been checking our map and researching the locations we visit virtually. We're glad to be done with Saudi Arabia and India, both enduring horrid heat waves, and we were disappointed that we couldn't go ashore at some southeast Asian sites because of Covid outbreaks. Now we're heading into more welcoming waters

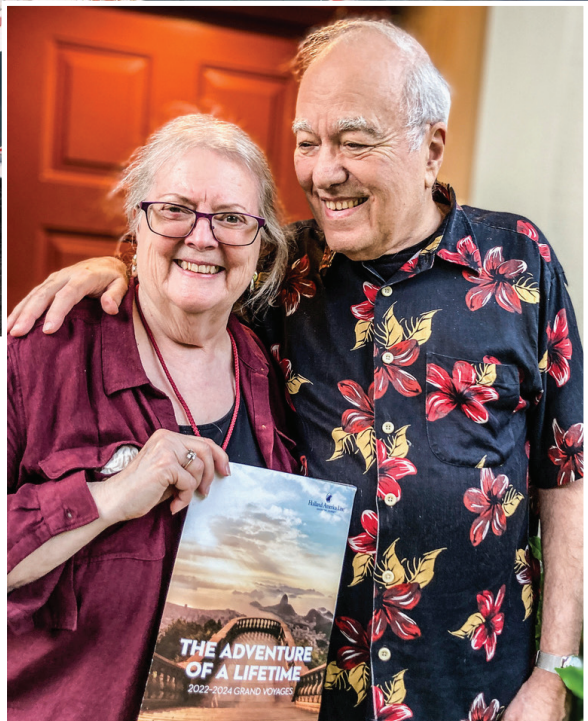


Photo by Kathleen Truelove

in Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand. We've been playing lots of bridge during the days at sea.

We extended our virtual itinerary to accommodate possible construction delays at Broadmead, calculating our trip would end on July 15. We were recently told, however, that we can expect to start moving back to the York Building weeks earlier than previously predicted. This could mean cutting short our virtual cruise when we're in South Africa. We're cautiously optimistic about the new schedule, but sticking to our itinerary meanwhile.

We've found that once you frame things differently, adversity is easier to endure. We have Cunard to thank for helping us get through our months "at sea" in our ship-shape studio cottage.

A visitor to Cluster J

David Gilbert and his daughter, Deborah Shenton, found this visitor in Cluster J. According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Eastern ratsnake is the largest snake in Maryland and can reach 8 feet in length. It is a shiny black snake with an irregular black and white checkerboard pattern on the belly. Ratsnakes will bite if provoked, but they are not venomous. They eat many types of rodents and also lizards, frogs, and birds and their eggs. These snakes have a well-developed sense of smell that allows them to find prey. They may come indoors in search of rodents.



Photo by Deborah Shenton

Current Events

With Barry Rascovar

August 11, 18, and 25
3:30–5 p.m.

Venue to be announced

Quaker Meeting at Broadmead

Sundays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Meeting Room A

All residents are invited
Masks required

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